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Chief Economist and Deputy Director
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James Parrott is the Deputy Director and Chief Economist of the Fiscal Policy Institute (FPI), a non-partisan public policy research organization dealing with New York fiscal and economic issues and workforce and economic development policies. FPI works with a broad range of human service, advocate and labor organizations to further the development and implementation of public policies that create a strong economy in which prosperity is broadly shared by all New Yorkers.

Kathryn S. Wylde
President & CEO
Partnership for New York City

Kathryn S. Wylde is President & CEO of the Partnership for New York City, the city's premiere business leadership organization. The Partnership has been responsible for significant programs in housing and economic development, education, public safety and employment. Wylde is also the founding President & CEO of the New York City Investment Fund, a \$100 million subsidiary of the Partnership, which provides financial support and business expertise to assist projects that stimulate job creation and economic growth in the city and its neighborhoods.

Peter Gorman
President
United Fire Officers Association

Peter Gorman is the President of the Uniformed Fire Officers Association of New York, IAFF Local 854. A fire fighter for 28 years, Mr. Gorman currently holds the rank of Captain. Mr. Gorman represents 245,000 full time fire fighters and emergency medical personnel.

Stephen Levin, MD
Medical Director
Mount Sinai Hospital

Dr. Levin is the Medical Director of the Mount Sinai Irving J. Selikoff Center for Occupational and Environmental Medicine and is a member of the faculty in the Department of Community and Preventive Medicine at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine. He has devoted his expertise in asbestos-related and other lung diseases to the evaluation and treatment of those who have developed respiratory and psychological illnesses as a consequence of the WTC. Dr. Levin is Co-

Director of the WTC Worker and Volunteer Medical Screening Program, funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which will provide medical assessments, diagnostic referrals and occupational health education for over 8,500 workers and volunteers who performed rescue and recovery work at the WTC site.

Margie McHugh
Executive Director
New York Immigration Coalition

The purpose of the NYIC is to provide a forum for the state's newcomer community to discuss urgent issues, and to provide a vehicle for collective action in addressing these issues. In addition to its wide-ranging efforts to coordinate advocacy with and on behalf of newcomer communities, the NYIC also sponsors projects or tasks force activities in several specific areas. These include citizenship and naturalization, legal services, elementary and secondary education, workplace discrimination, voter registration, and community education and action. Ms. McHugh joined the NYIC staff in 1990, prior to which, she worked in the Mayor's Office as Deputy Director of the 1990 Census Project, and as Executive Assistant to Mayor Koch's Chief of Staff. Since 1992 Ms. McHugh has served on the Board of Directors of the National Immigration Forum in Washington, DC., the country's leading advocacy organization on immigration policy issues.

Moisés Pérez
Executive Director
Alianza Dominicana, Inc.

Moisés Pérez is a co-founder and Executive Director of Alianza Dominicana, Inc. (ADI), a multiservice, community-based organization which provides comprehensive and integrated services for children, youth, and families. With a staff of 150 persons, ADI is the largest human service organization in northern Manhattan, the site of the largest and most diverse concentration of Latinos and immigrants from the Dominican Republic in the state of New York. ADI's target area stretches well into the surrounding neighborhoods of the northwest and west Bronx that include Mott Haven, Kingsbridge, and the South Bronx. Founded in 1986 out of a public housing storefront under Mr. Pérez's leadership, ADI has developed a wide range of programs and services.

Stan Mark
Program Director

Asian American Legal Defense Fund (AALDEF)

Stan Mark is the Program Director for the AALDEF which was founded in 1974. is the first legal rights organization on the East Coast serving Asian Americans. We were founded by a group of lawyers, law students and community activists who believed that the law should be used as a tool to achieve social and economic justice for Asian Americans and all Americans. We believe that the laws in this country should be applied equally, regardless of race or ethnicity. We also believe that every American has a right and an obligation to be involved in the communities where she or he lives and works. Our aim is to build an informed and active Asian America that is involved in the civic life of this country. Our projects include voting rights, economic justice, combating anti-asian violence, affirmative action, and immigrants' rights.

Meyer Feig

President & Founder

World Trade Center Tenants Association

Meyer Feig is the President and Chief Executive officer of The Intera Corp., an Executive Staffing and Consulting Firm formerly housed on the 18th floor of Two World Trade Center. He is the President and Founder of the WORLD TRADE CENTER TENANTS ASSOCIATION which he formed to address the overwhelming demand for information and assistance required by the many businesses that occupied the WTC complex and were abruptly dislocated by the tragic events of 9/11. The purpose of the association is to serve as a forum for the exchange of ideas/information among the membership and to communicate the needs, in a unified voice, to elected and appointed officials, corporations and anyone else in a position to offer assistance.

Nancy Ploeger

Executive Director

Manhattan Chamber of Commerce

Ms. Ploeger was the Executive Director of The Manhattan Chamber of Commerce from Jan 1994 to Jan. 2003 when she was named President. Ms. Ploeger spearheaded the growth of the organization from 200-1500+ members and instituting many seminars, events, active website and benefits for members. In addition, Ms. Ploeger developed and oversees the MCC Community Benefit Fund (CBF) and the Manhattan International Development Corporation (MIDC), both 501c(3) affiliates of MCC. The CBF has granted over \$2.0 million to the non-profit community on Manhattan's upper eastside.

Ann Kayman

**Chairman and CEO
New York Grant Company**

Ann Kayman, Chairman and CEO of the New York Grant Company, served for four years in the Giuliani and Bloomberg Administrations as head of Business Development and Senior Vice President of the New York City Economic Development Corporation, the City of New York's primary portal to the business community. As such, she assisted thousands of businesses and directed many efforts to help with the recovery of lower Manhattan after September 11th. She also worked extensively with federal, state and local agencies, non-profits and business groups, and she is fully conversant with dozens of available programs and incentives.

**Ariel Goodman
President
From the Ground Up**

Before September 11, 2001, Ariel Goodman owned four small businesses located on the 87th floor of One World Trade Center. Ms. Goodman worked in financial services, trading and creating mutual funds. Now, she spends much of her time re-creating the realms of lost records destroyed in the attack, applying for grants, and advocating for other downtown business owners as president of From the Ground Up, a grassroots support group for lower Manhattan small business owners. Her businesses were totally destroyed when Tower One fell. Today, only two of them are operating. She need at least \$350,000 to restart her businesses and rebuild them to what they were before September 11. Frustrated with her search for aid, she co-founded the advocacy group From the Ground Up for small business owners who were affected by September 11, 2001. The group, which now has about 400 members, works to reform and improve 9/11 aid programs. They successfully lobbied for federal programs to include businesses with fewer than 10 employees.

**José Calderón
Assistant Vice President
Hispanic Federation**

Mr. José Calderón is Assistant Vice President at the Hispanic Federation, a membership organization of 76 Latino health and human services agencies whose mission is to strengthen, support and develop institutions that advance the quality of life for Latinos in the Tri-state area and beyond. Over the past two years, Mr. Calderón has been responsible for managing the Federation's WTC disaster-relief program, which has provided financial assistance and social service coordination to more than 1200 adults and children, providing for their basic food, housing, and other emergency needs. Ms. Calderón also oversees the Federation's numerous community programs and advocacy efforts.

Randall Bourscheidt

President

Alliance of the Arts

Randall Bourscheidt has been the President of the Alliance for the Arts since 1990, following a decade of public service as Deputy Commissioner of Cultural Affairs from 1978 to 1987. At the Alliance for the Arts, he has expanded research into the economic impact of and financial support for the arts and established the Citywide Cultural Database. He has overseen the publication of *The Arts as an Industry* (1993), *The Economic Impact of the Arts on New York City and New York State* (1997), and *Who Pays for the Arts?* (2001). He established the Estate Project for Artists with AIDS in 1990.

Bruce G. Herman

Director

Center for Workforce and Economic Development

Under the auspices of the Consortium for Worker Education and NYC Central Labor Council, Bruce Herman established the Center for Workforce and Economic Development (CWED) in order to develop and implement a sector-based, high road partnership approach to workforce and economic development in New York City. Before joining CWED, Bruce was the founding Executive Director of the Working for America Institute, an official arm of the AFL-CIO dedicated to building a high value-added, socially inclusive, high road economy. He also served as President of the Garment Industry Development Corporation (GIDC), a leading example of a tripartite, labor-led, sector-specific, economic development initiative.